

Clearwater, Florida Club Elects Officers

A newly elected slate of officers will greet winter vacationers from the north who attend the meetings of the Clearwater (Fla.) Coin & Stamp Club.

Heading the club as president is M. D. King. Other officers are H. B. Van Duser vice president; secretary C. A. Brownell and treasurer Jack Kiefer.

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Following the procedure adopted in the first section, lists of all post offices, the cancels used by each, and time of use of each cancel are given.

Illustrations include reproductions of maps of the colonies which show the post offices and postal routes, in addition, of course, to roads, railways etc. Sufficient text is given to supply the necessary information about the early settlement and organization of the colonies and the origin, development and end of the postal service in each.

Postal routes operated by messengers on foot and on carts are listed. One article reports about the "Flag Post," an estafette service functioning during the first World War, which by well organized use of reliefs, with the aid of the native drum bush-telephone, covered distances up to 250 miles and more in 24 hours, surely a remarkable feat.

All stamps are priced unused, used, and on piece. All cancellations are priced separately.

As its predecessor, the volume is printed on a fine grade of art paper and can be had for \$1.50 from Erich Haide, (24a) Balje ueber Stade, British Zone, Germany.

An English translation of Dr. Ey's new handbook of German colonial stamps and cancels has been prepared by Erich Haide.

The first section of the translation, being the counterpart to the first section of the hand-book, is now available. It covers German offices in Turkey including the Germany Military Mission's special postal services and the German fieldpost, West Africa, and partly, German offices in Morocco.

The latter are continued in the second section of Dr. Ey's book, which has just been released and for which Mr. Haide's translation is now in progress of preparation. Ships posts are duly dealt with in connection with the respective territories.

The translation covers 34 pages, typed and mimeographed, comes in an attractive flexible cardboard cover, and costs \$2.50.

A goodly number of notes added by the translator help to clear up points which the author has taken for granted but with which the American user may not be familiar. Orders can be sent to Mr. Haide at the address above.

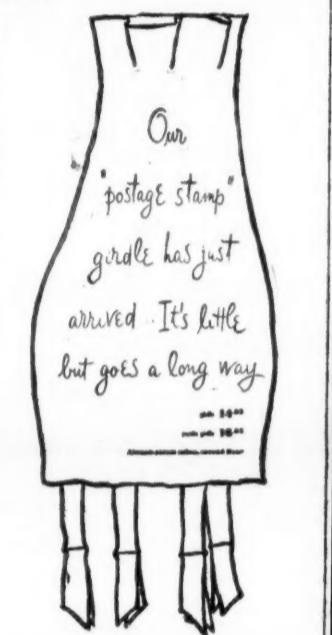


Surprise! We Have A Postage Stamp Girdle

Stamp collectors well know that Postage Stamps Girdle the World, but we have just now learned of a Girdle for Postage Stamps. It's true, we saw it in the New York Times and someone told us that the Times is always right. Stamp Collectors have been but little bothered with many gadgets in their collecting activities, such minor things as hinges, tweezers, watermark detectors, perforation gages and magnifying glasses have long been accepted as standard equipment and the whole lot has cost but little.

Quite often however in the past few years there have been many new gadgets offered for the stamp collector and few of them have become popular enough to rank along with the five standard items named above. We doubt if this new girdle for postage stamps will make the grade either for who would want to put a girdle on his finest 5c 1847?

However there have been many stamps issued in "outsizes" such as the Belgian Orval issues, Croatia B39 and others of gigantic proportions and a girdle might be helpful in conserving space on our album pages. Then there are some who would argue that the Spanish Goya lady would look better in a girdle and that might take some of the stigma off this oft cussed and discussed issue.



The advertisement of B. Altman Co. on Fifth Avenue, New York says the new postage stamp girdle is made in Switzerland, so small it can be put in an envelope, so powerful, so resilient that it's wonderfully easy to put on and—combines comfort with control.

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One thing is sure and that is that the price will keep any but the most fastidious feminine collector from using this new girdle. We men collectors have not yet succumbed to such frivolities.

No, we are not fooling... we give you an illustration of this new Postage Stamp Girdle as advertised in the October 8 issue of the Times. We have reduced the picture to about one-third actual size.

S. P. A. Regional Meet During Newark Show

The Society of Philatelic Americans will hold an East Coast Regional Meeting on Saturday afternoon, October 28 at the Military Park Hotel, Newark, N. J. Ignatz Reiner, vice-president of the S.P.A. will have charge. It will be held in conjunction with STAMPEX, scheduled for that week-end.

Several matters of vital concern to collectors will be discussed, followed by a "question and answer" period. Not only are S.P.A. members urged to attend, but all interested collectors who might be attending the exhibition, are invited.

Junior collectors of the greater New York area, along with their parents, are being especially invited.

Serebrakian Auction Features U.S. Material

The largest volume of United States material ever offered at any previous Serebrakian Sale features the current offering to be held at the Hotel Astor, October 27 to November 2. This is the sale that includes the first part of the stock of the famed Scott Stamp & Coin Co., Inc. The event totals well over 4,000 lots and will comprise six sessions.

The first and second sessions will comprise some 1,300 lots dominated by U. S. material with many interesting U. S. Collections. A large variety of plate and position blocks are offered, also first day cancellation blocks and Famous Americans in blocks of four on first day covers. The second session is rounded out by offerings of Britain and British Colonies.

The third session features 800 carefully selected choice lots of airmails including U. S. airmails. Among these are pioneer covers signed by Wilbur Wright and Glen Curtis together with historical documents. Costa Rica is well represented, particularly with a set cataloging \$2,500.00.

The fourth and fifth sessions are devoted to countries offered in alphabetical order with the 5th session including several hundred approval books made up as far back as 1930. The catalog value has not been brought up to date and it offers an opportunity to obtain very fine 19th and 20th century stamps at 20 year old valuations. Collections from the Scott stock valued up to \$1,000.00 are also offered. Much of it is 19th century material. Also to be found during the 5th session are rare early Swiss; a beautiful group of Philippine Victory issue on cover and a specialized collection of Spain "Constitution" issue for Americana collectors.

The sixth session is devoted to wholesale with some U. S.

Book Discusses Local Scottish Cancellations

A highly specialized handbook of eight pages has just been released by R. C. Alcock, Ltd., 11 Regent St., Cheltenham, England with the title of "Scots Local Cancellations—Matched Pairs".

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553-56	1.05	B179-84	.28
557-58	.06	B185-89	.16
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On Various Methods Of Collecting

by Ira Seebacher

(Editors Note:—The following enlightening discussion of a problem which confronts a number of collectors is remarkable for its "good sense" approach to the matter. It appeared as an editorial by Mr. Seebacher in the July-August edition of "The Topicalist" which he is editor. The Topicalist is the official organ of Topical Philatelists, Inc. of which Joseph M. Wise, 108-14 65th Rd., Forest Hills, L.I., N. Y. is secretary).

Recently we met a collector who was attempting to form a sports collection of used stamps. He happens to be a well-known tennis player who, we can assure you, was one of the top-ranking stars for years. He informed us he was looking for just a few sets to be complete. We escorted him to a dealer who had several of the missing sets on first day flown, registered covers. Our new acquaintance was very happy to get the covers as he was now more nearly complete than ever. "As soon as I get back to the Coast, I'll soak these off and mount them in my album," he explained.

The dealer shrugged his shoulders. He knew, as did this writer, that these covers were extremely scarce. Even the stamps, in used condition, are hard to find. To find them properly used and on first day covers, is almost impossible as they were Romanian sets issued during and just after the war and so, surely, very few were made.

Now it isn't our position that one collector can or even should try to tell another how to collect. But we cannot help wondering what reasoning there is in forming a topical collection of used stamps. Maybe the cost is less but in a case such as this, cost was surely not a consideration. But just as definitely, the collector wasn't interested in the cancellations. If he had been, he would not consider soaking his stamps off covers so scarce. The covers would be a far better means for studying the cancellations.

Obviously then, he suffered from a disease we find is quite prevalent. He feels he must be complete or else loses sleep over not being so. Well just ask any big collector if he is complete or even ever hopes to be. It cannot be done and the more one specializes the farther from completion one gets. This fellow, missing a few sets, was so terribly impatient to become complete—or nearly so—he destroyed valuable material to get used stamps that, from a philatelic stand-point, had less to tell than the covers from whence they came. Is he a philatelist or just an accumulator? You can give the answer to that one.

Incidentally, do you agree that in forming a Topical collection it is better to have mint or unused stamps than used ones. It makes it easier to see the design which is, after all, of primary importance in the Topical field. Of course, we do not feel that, if we were collecting steel engraved pictures of past presidents that we would go out and cut Jackson's face from a twenty-dollar bill just to be complete but if we did go to such lengths to get his engraved likeness, we would be darned if we would want a big black cancellation running across it. Maybe all this doesn't make good sense, but that's the way we see it and while we wouldn't attempt to insist that our way is the right way, at least we do insist there isn't much logic to some of the other ways of collecting stamps.

France, Colonies Group Elect New Officers

Recently elected officers were installed by the France and Colonies Group at a meeting in the Collectors Club, New York City. The members, as the name of the society indicates, are chiefly interested in the stamps of France and its colonies, and exchange information about such issues and carry on philatelic research in them.

Alan R. Fernald is the new president. Other officers are William Delafield, vice president; Dr. Robert Wood, treasurer; Louise Clemence, recording secretary and Mrs. Helen Stringham, 34 Minerva Ave., Manasquan, N. J., corresponding secretary.

The membership which is national in scope is kept informed through the club's official publication, The France and Colonies Philatelist, edited by Stephen G. Rich.

Interested persons wanting to know more about the society can direct their inquiries to the secretary.

LINN'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS

by Lorne W. Bentham

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Collectors are always anxious to know what is the latest stamp that is sold out from the Philatelic Agency's large stock of obsolete stamps at Ottawa... Well, I can truthfully report one for this issue that has been sold out.

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of postage stamps manufactured, and also to assemble for display the stamp issues of foreign countries."

That's just what Mr. Rinfret said in his letter to me. He did not elaborate on the subject of giving better service for collectors. Only time will tell what meaning should be taken out of this statement. It is certainly indeed encouraging to know that Canada has a postmaster general in office who is very sympathetic towards philatelists' interests.

It is indeed strange that exceptionally good used copies of the two-cent and five-cent unrevised King George VI stamps of Canada are extremely difficult to find. Canadian dealers have reported to me during the past few weeks that the demand for these two stamps in fine used condition is really amazing. And to make matters worse instead of better for these professional philatelists is the fact that their stocks are exceedingly low.

Readers of this newspaper would do well to collect as many used copies of these two stamps as they possibly can obtain. Reliable information is that the prices of these two stamps will likely increase in the not-to-dis-

tant future.

Suburban Collectors Show In Mid-November

Dates for the annual exhibition of the Suburban Collectors Club of Chicago have been set for November 18 and 19. Place of the show is the Hinsdale Community House at Hinsdale, Ill.

In connection with the event, the club will have both seals and cacheted envelopes to mark the occasion. A set of two different colored seals sell at 20c, while the envelope with the printed cachet, addressed and stamped by the club will cost 10c for regular postage and 15c via airmail.

In requesting either the above, collectors should be sure to include the correct name and address to be placed on the envelope and to include the proper remittance.

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Collectors are always interested in stamps and stamp prices and time was when we judged stamps by Scott and figured the price at 50% discount. There has been a lot of sales talk in the past few years to lead the collector to believe that Scott prices were now

about the true value and price for the stamps offered. In fact we do know that back a matter of three or four years ago full catalog was asked for a lot of stamps but we believe those days have passed again and that stamps are now available at about half Scott for a very large majority of the issues. This is probably less true of mint United States as well as superb conditioned used U. S. and mint British Colonies where face value is more of a factor, but the general run of a great range of foreign issues is definitely available at about half Scott and we have the facts and figures to prove that.

Selling stamps is Big Business and the stamp dealers of today are strongly supported by the bigger wholesalers who provide splendid pieces of literature to help make sales. We have before us a beautifully printed and designed 20 page booklet filled with offers of sets and single stamps, a dealer sales help from J. & H. Stolow and Company of New York. There are

many illustrations, the lots are described and catalogued by Scott numbers and the retail prices placed on the various offers are about half Scott prices. Just to get a more accurate view of what relation retail prices have to Scott prices we selected ten sets at random, from ten different countries. The lowest priced set was 50¢ by Scott and priced at 25¢ in this new list. The highest priced set was \$14.38 by Scott and \$7.50 in the Stolow list. The whole ten sets we picked at random were priced at \$58.19 by Scott and at only \$29.35 by the Stolow list. Just about an even half Scott price or the old standard 50% discount. It would seem therefore that there is a plentiful supply of stamps of most all countries other than as excepted above, that can be had and are being sold at about half Scott prices. This fact might be used as a gauge by the collector when stamps are offered him for sale by his dealer. Certainly the rule can not apply hard and fast on all stamps but we believe this study of this new Stolow list is a very good barometer of actual stamp values today.

The list we have referred to is prepared for dealers. Any quantity of the lists may be bought for circulation to the dealer customer and if your dealer has not sent you a copy of this new list we would suggest that you get one and see for yourself at just what price stamps are being offered. It is a splendid list filled with plenty nice sets and all are mint.

Now another question that collectors often wonder about is dealer profit and we are strong in the belief that the dealer, just as your home store keeper, is entitled to a just and reasonable profit. He has big expenses in rent, office help, salaries, advertising and such things and must have a reasonable and legitimate profit to do business and serve you right. We know that price markups on a lot of merchandise in retail stores is far higher than the average stamp dealer gets so the facts we find from a study of this price list by Stolow and compared with the cost price of the items to the dealer makes us certain that the stamps are priced at a right price to the dealer so that he can make a satisfactory profit on sales as priced in the list.

Taking the same ten sets we find listed by Scott at \$58.19 and which are priced to the collector at \$29.35, we find the dealer cost for the same ten sets is \$21.50. This cost allows the dealer a bit over 36% profit and we know that no stamp dealer could operate for much under that figure, so we are bound to come to the conclusion that prices are right all along the line.

It is on account of the facts we give above with reference to this splendid new Stolow list that we say Selling Stamps is Big Business. The dealer gets splendid selling help from his wholesaler and the dealer is thus able to present his offers in an attractive manner to the collector and all done within reasonable price range as is evident from the figures we have quoted. Without doubt, the magnitude of the world wide buying facilities together with the large amount of capital invested by the Stolow firm is the prime reason that they can assemble these stamps from all over the world at prices which are approximately half Scott prices for so many of the issues.

Bill Kennett Says "Taint So."

Bill Kennett or Babe as he was so often called was the closest side kick of the late Arthur Hinds and when Bill saw the reference we made to the story in Coronet Magazine about another copy of the rare British Guiana stamp having been offered Mr. Hinds as reported in our editorial in our issue of October 2, he had to give us the facts and we quote his brief remarks here. "Regarding the Coronet hoax, it is absolutely false. First, because if it had happened I would have heard about it since Hinds would not have passed on its genuineness without consulting expert advice. Not that I am an expert; I refer to Charles Phillips or John Kleeman. Second, Hinds often used to say that if another was found, each would be worth more than the solitary one, since one would establish the other."

UN Stamps May Be Next Big Surprise

Ever since the United Nations setup at Lake Success, there have been rumors and talk of an issue of United Nations Postage Stamps. Collectors thus far have had to be satisfied with cancels from there but now we learn from sources in Lake Success and at Washington that there is a good probability that a series of United Nations stamps may be coming at a not too late date. We understand that objections of certain interests have been overcome and that we might yet have this series of stamps.

Should there be a United Nations stamp or stamps it will most probably be bilingual and might be a stamp that could be used in any country where that country is a member of the UN.

These points however are something we can only surmise about as yet and we will therefore mark time till the stamp appears and get the answer that way.

DOUBLE IMPRESSIONS—by Well



"Gosh! Mr. Van Drip, so you collect stamps too! Say J. D. we should get together and do some trading. How about this evening, Joe?—Swell, then it's a date!"

Swamped With Covers For "Sea Jug Post"

Collectors of the unusual seem to have taken to the "Sea Jug Post" covers in a big way according to a letter from Captain C. E. Milbury who has been using this method of getting some of his mail to the mainland. In a recent issue of Linn's the Sea Jug Post was described, and from Capt. Milbury's letter which follows, was snowed under with requests for covers.

Via the letter he points out to collectors that his part in mailing the covers requested of him will be faithfully carried out. But he cannot be responsible for such covers when once placed in the ocean and which might be lost through various natural causes. He will not replace such items or engage in correspondence about them.

Collectors participating do so as a gamble with no guarantee that their covers will come through. Capt. Milbury's letter reads:

As a result of your having published an article on my "Sea-Jug Post" enterprise, I have been literally swamped with requests for these unique covers.

Although I have tried to comply with all of the requests thus far received, due to the great number of them I shall have to ask patience on the part of those collectors who would like to add them to their collections, as we can only handle a limited amount each voyage.

I had no idea that in originating "Sea-Jug Post" that I had stirred up a nation-wide interest among cover collectors, but it appears that I have.

"Sea-Jug Post" while a practical and legitimate postal service, and fully recognized by the Post Office Department as such, and with all markings approved is still by no means a sure-fire service, and I wish to impress upon "Sea-Jug" cover fans that due to the very nature of the project, that nothing is ever guaranteed in way of delivery.

The long and short of it is, having heaved a consignment of mail overboard proudly flying a U. S. Mail Flag we hope that it will be picked up for a mailing.

Sometimes they are picked up while still at sea. Sometimes after they have stranded up on a beach. Sometimes they completely disappear. Perhaps breaking up on the reefs, or even making a bee-line for Ireland.

"Through Sleet And Storm, The Mail Must Go On" well, "Sea-Jugs" just don't figure it that way. Those stamped "Hurricane Weather" if ever found will be rarities of the first water.

I wish "Sea-Jug" cover collectors to understand this when they request cachets. They are a gamble, and if a consignment disappears I just cannot undertake to try to make up a duplicate consignment.

To those collectors who want to risk it, I will gladly prepare covers but they may take a month or more in transit.

"Sea-Jug Post" is by no means a commercial project. The requests by dealers are not granted. There is no charge, and Linn readers must not send money. I've just returned a size-

able amount to senders already.

The covers, and all of the postmarks and other equipment needed to conduct a deep-sea post office does run into an interesting amount of cold cash. Thus to help defray some of this overhead, I surely do not object to cover collectors sending along a few mint stamps that I may use for mailings, preferably blocks. Even sheets if there are any of them laying around.

I will do my best to see that "Sea-Jug" covers are properly directed but after that the wind, the weather, and the deep sea will take over and everything will depend upon their concerted decision.

All communications relative to "Sea-Jug" mail must be addressed as follows: "SEA-JUG POST", Box 176, Galveston, Texas.

If you have room in your weekly, I believe that if you will publish this letter, that it will do much to assist "Sea-Jug" cover collectors in understanding how uncertain this method of mailing is. Especially now that the Hurricane season is in full swing. Not only that but the Government may at anytime ban its continuance due to world conditions.

Revenue Association Will Adopt Charter

Although in organized existence since 1947, the American Revenue Association will adopt a formal charter in the very near future. It has been based on the experience of the governing board and officers of the group supplemented by the legal interpretations of I. I. Silverman, a Chicago attorney.

It is possible for collectors to still become charter members of the Association if their applications are accepted before the final ratification.

Members are all interested in United States or state revenues. They are kept informed through the American Revenue, official bulletin of the group. A sample copy is available to those sending an addressed envelope franked with a 2¢ stamp to the editor, Elbert A. Hubbard, 14517 1/4 Venetia Blvd, Sherman Oaks, Calif.

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Claim 'Mussolini' Stamps Legitimate

The catalog is refusing to list several sets of Italian stamps that were widely distributed and accepted without question in the International mails, according to P. Ostrow, Italian dealer-specialist. Ostrow has covers to back up his claim and has written to Scott Publications to secure a proper chronicling of the stamps.

"In 1934 and 1944," says Mr. Ostrow, "Mussolini's so-called 'Italian Social Republic' in process of formation after the defection of the Badoglio regime, ordered the overprinting of existent stocks of Italian stamps with the initials 'G.N.R.' (Guardia Nazionale Repubblicana,) which were widely distributed in the areas of the so-called 'Republic.' They were replaced as rapidly as possible with a more definitive surcharge and then with a regular pictorial issue. Many of the G.N.R. overprints are quite rare."

Mr. Ostrow recently acquired three covers which, he says, are "commercial; not in any way philatelic." Two of them originated in Belluno; because of the poor condition and excessive size of the covers, which bore official correspondence, Mr. Ostrow cut the G.N.R. stamps down to "piece," leaving the official markings, cancellation, etc. intact. The third cover is letter-size, and originated in Desenzano del Garda, Brescia. All three letters were sent to Geneva, Switzerland, and all three passed through the international mails without question and without payment of any postage due.

Only Post War German Stamps In New Catalog

The new Kurz catalog of the stamps of the new Germany is distinguished by an effort to keep it small rather than big, in order to enhance its usefulness to the mass of collectors who neither care for the pre-1945 stamps, nor are interested in an overdose of specialized data. The 52 pages 5 1/2 x 7" contain all the issues brought out officially in the period including zonal, state, provincial, local issues and the Saar.

The catalog contains in its first part the necessary information for the general collector, in the second, there is additional information for the specialist including such details as paper varieties of the AMG stamps, the varieties of the posthorn overprints as inverts, double overprints and tete-beches, types, watermarks etc. of the building series, all illustrated in numerous enlargements. Separation, gum, color varieties, gutters etc. are dealt with in detail.

Prices in the catalog are in Swiss francs and reflect the present international market. Explanatory text passages, where required, are brief, reducing to a minimum difficulties that could arise from the fact that the catalog is in German. There are 439 illustrations. The price is 50c. It can be ordered from Erich Haide, (2a) Balje ueber Stade, British Zone, Germany.

Exhibition Dates

October 20-22—Mound City Stamp Club, De Soto Hotel, St. Louis, Mo.

Oct. 21-22—Roosevelt Philatelic Society, Grand Crossing Park Field House, 77th & Ingleside Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Oct. 21, 22—New Castle Stamp Club Castle Buck Show Room, 8. Mercer St., New Castle, Pa.

Oct. 22—Syracuse Stamp Club, "The Corner House", Grant Blvd. & Darlington Rd., Syracuse, N. Y.

Oct. 27-29—1950 Stampe, Military Park Hotel, Newark, N. J.

Oct. 27-29—American Philatelic Congress, National Philatelic Museum, Philadelphia, Pa.

Oct. 28-29—Stamp Collectors Club of Toledo, Commodore Perry Hotel, Toledo, Ohio.

Oct. 28-29—Saginaw Valley Stamp Club, Bancroft Hotel, Saginaw, Mich.

Oct. 27-29—Salem Stamp & Coin Club Hobby Show, World War Memorial Bldg., Salem, Ohio.

Nov. 1-7—New Mexico Philatelic Association, New Mexico Art Museum, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Nov. 4—Professional Stamp Club, Hotel Lafayette, Buffalo, N. Y.

Nov. 4-5—Ravenswood Stamp Club, Finnish Hall, 4219 Lincoln Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Nov. 11-12—Dayton Philatelic Society, Miami Hotel, Dayton, Ohio.

Nov. 11-12—AIRPEX, Jack Knight Air Mall Society, Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, Ill.

Nov. 14—El Paso Stamp Club, Cortez Hotel, El Paso, Texas.

Nov. 17-19—Chicago Philatelic Society, Hotel Sherman, Chicago, Ill.

Nov. 18, 19—Suburban Collectors Club, Hinsdale Community House, Hinsdale, Ill.

Nov. 18-19—Michigan Stamp Club, Book-Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, Mich.

Nov. 24-26—Naspe, Nassau-Suffolk Philatelic Alliance, New York State Armory, Hempstead, Long Island, N. Y.

Nov. 25, 26—TWINPEX, Twin City Philatelic Society, Hotel Curtis, Minneapolis, Minn.

BRITISH EMPIRE CHATTER

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TONGA. A special issue of postage and revenue stamps to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Treaty of Friendship between Great Britain and Tonga has been ordered. There will be six values as follows:

1/2d, green, Map.

1d, red, The Palace.

2 1/2d, olive green and brown, Tongan village house.

3d, blue, H.M.N.Z.S. Bellona.

5d, red & deep green, Tonga Flag.

1/2, purple & yellow, coat of Arms.

The Queen Salote's 50th birthday commemorative issue of three stamps will be released for sale on November 1st, 1950.

ST. LUCIA. Approval has been obtained for the issuance of a single stamp in honor of the rebuilding of Castries. The value will be 12c and will show a Phoenix rising out of the city. No particulars are available as to probable date of release.

JORDAN (Hashemite Kingdom of the Jordan). The special issue of seven values to commemorate the inauguration of air mail service were released for sale locally on September 16th and were available from the Crown Agents on October 6th, 1950. The values are 5 fils, 10 fils, 15 fils, 20 fils, 50 fils, 100 fils, and 150 fils. 1000 fils equals one pound sterling.

GRENADA. The Crown Agents announce the printing order for current stamps as follows: 1/4d, 1/2d, 1d, 2 1/2d and 3d. The coming University sets will include Grenada and announcement was recently made that the new definitive issue for Grenada had been ordered from the printers. Both of these are to be in decimal currency. Printing orders for additional supplies of six values in pence indicates that the other two sets in decimal currency will probably be delayed.

CAYMAN ISLANDS. The new definitive pictorial issue of 13 values from 1/4d to 10/ was released on Oct. 2nd and the previous issue withdrawn from sale on September 30th. The 2 1/2 pence orange and 3 pence ultramarine which were a change of colors, have had a short life and may be good. The new one penny stamp shows a turtle and one of the principal occupations of Cayman fishermen has been catching of turtles, most of which have been exported to the United States. The one shilling value shows a crawl (Kraal) which is the pen built of thatch logs and mangrove in which the turtles are kept prior to being exported.

AUSTRALIA. In the July 18th, 1949 issue, this column wrote as follows:

"**AUSTRALIA.** The 3 pence ultramarine stamp, Scotts No. 170 is a really scarce item and worth full catalogue or more. The present catalogue price of 50c is low considering the available supply." At that time dealers were offering this stamp at around 30c and the complete set to the pound for from \$7.75 to \$8.25. A large British Empire dealer recently advertised this 3 pence stamp, No. 170 at a special price of \$3.00. There are several other scarce obsoletes in the set 166/180, all due for an increase in the 1951 catalogue. However, dealers are still offering the complete set, with all obsoletes, for about \$11.50. Looks good.

Dayton's Annual Stamp Show November 11, 12

The Adam Room of the Miami Hotel in Dayton, Ohio will be the scene of the 24th annual exhibition and bourse of the Dayton Philatelic Society on November 11 and 12. Sponsored in conjunction with National Stamp Collecting Week, the club has selected the theme of this year's show as the centennial celebration of the University of Dayton.

The cachet which will be sponsored in connection with the exhibition will feature this theme. Each cover will sell at ten cents. Collectors need but send the names and addresses to appear on each, plus the full payment. Collectors who send in covers of their own will not get service on them. Cachet chairman is Jesse Schlegel, 285 Westwood Ave., Dayton 7, Ohio.

This year's affair will also feature a Saturday night banquet. It too will be staged at the Miami Hotel and is open to all interested persons. Tickets for it, or other information about the exhibition or bourse can be gotten from the general chairman, Carl Soendlin, 1407 Viola St., Dayton, Ohio.

Sanabria Will Auction Rare Airs, Regulars

In August 1948, a sheet of 60 was discovered, by a British wholesaler of MUSCAT 1r. on 1s. brown Olympic Games Commemoratives showing double surcharge. Stanley Gibbons of London bought it, except for a corner block of 8, which the lucky finder decided to put away "for a rainy day."

The owner has now decided to part with this "gem," and Nicolas Sanabria Co., Inc., 521 Fifth Ave., New York 17 has been instructed to include it in their public auction, which will be held at the beginning of November.

A similar Olympic Games error will be offered of British Morocco, namely, the 1p. 20c. on 1s. with a double surcharge. The total number of copies found of this was also 60, and all of them were disposed of to collectors.

Among the Air items of the sale, a specialized collection of Russia, the property of a New York collector, may be mentioned, which as a highlight contains a block of ten of the 10k/5r green with larger numerals and CCCP (San No. 20 value \$1500.00).

Other air varieties presented include Guatemala 1936 50c orange/dark blue without Quetzal bird, used, of which not more than a handful are known to exist in the world. The illustrated Catalogue will be available within a few days time, from Sanabria at the above address.

eral midwestern cities. Details will be announced later. Deluxe catalogs, which are sent on request, will feature the material.

Important To You!

Collecting stamps is one thing; selling them is another. For you will make the decision just once and that one time is important enough to consider most carefully.

You have seen our offers to buy your material. Perhaps you have the descriptive booklet which is still available. But after all, we are just one of many, you may think. Yes, we want to buy like others but there the similarity ends and the fortunate difference for you begins. For this is the difference. Our needs are not limited to just United States; not to just better grade or lower priced items; not just to January or to August. As full time dealers we buy all year long, during the cold months and the hot months. Our trade needs everything from the rarest to the most common; from huge collections to small lots; from sheets to blocks to singles to sets. Everything of every description in every price range.

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UNUSUAL ECUADORIAN MATERIAL

by J. F. McGEE

First I shall describe a printed document in Spanish, about 5½ by 8 inches, which has seven postage stamps, totaling 100 centavos, affixed on its back.

A glance at the inscription on its front, reveals that it is a custom receipt for the payment of duty on the article or articles in a parcel post package of foreign origin. The duty was collected by the Postal Administration for the Custom Service, and the amount if it is shown by the postage stamps. The stamps were canceled with an elongated square handstamp in blue ink. The only words legible on it are, "Oficina de PAQUET." This cancellation changes the stamps into revenues. The receipt is dated, Quito, Aug. 21, 1945.

This item is owned by Charles Glase, Central Y.M.C.A., Reading, Pa.

By the way, when a U. S. post office opens a foreign letter to examine its contents, the P.O.D. charges a fee of 10c in postage due stamps, to be collected from the recipient. I suppose postage dues so used come under the classification of "Special Handling," and not revenues. I have two examples on covers, stuck away somewhere.

A RARE POSTAL CARD

I call it rare because its type was heretofore unknown to me. It is of an odd denomination, 3 centavos. It is of a grayish cardboard with an ornamental border in black. At the upper left side is the national arms in an oval. At the right side is a large "3" in a circular frame. Both of these are in purple ink. In between them in fancy letters and flourishes are the words, "TARJETA POSTAL," in black. At the bottom is the imprint, "Quito—Impresos por V. Montoya." (Quito—Printed by V. Montoya) I believe the designing of the card was also a local job. Possibly the artist was Emilia Rivadeneira. She has been credited with having designed and engraved the master dies of the 1865-72 postage stamps.

If any reader has a used card with a dated postmark, I would like to hear from him. My address is 2211 Davenport St., Omaha 2, Neb.

This card is also the property of Mr. Glase. (Illustrated above)

A RECENT COUNTERFEIT

When the top postal officials of a government pull a boner by taking a current postage stamp of a low denomination and convert it into one of a much higher value by overprinting, they are handing the means of easy money to local counterfeiters.



This happened in Ecuador in 1945. Scott's No. RA55, which is the 5c blue Postal Tax Stamp (Peons) of 1943, was converted into an airmail by applying the overprint, "AEREO 40/Cts," Scott's No. C110. Here was the allure of a profit of 35 centavos on each stamp to a counterfeiter.

Wm. J. Hayes, Omaha, an authority on counterfeits, called my attention to this item and presented me with a copy. The type used for the overprint is a triple smaller than that of the genuine, and the printing is a bit blurred and the ink has stained through to the back of the stamps.

Mr. Hayes stated that according to his information this counterfeit was produced to defraud the government and not to sell to collectors. Therefore I presume that the majority, if not all, of the copies that exist, are used ones.

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'TIS SAID

by "S. Q. LAPIUS"

1. That a stamp is paper from Carolina; ink from Missouri; gum from Java; authority from Washington and best of all brings news from home.

2. That the German semipostal stamps showing St. Elizabeth of Hungary were copied from the paintings of Moritz Schwind who appears on an Austrian stamp.

3. That a man on a Canadian stamp suggested and planned the Panama Canal 300 years before it was built. (see below).

4. That the columns of Salamis shown on the stamps of Cyprus mark the site of the one time capital of the island where St. Paul and St. Barnabas, a native of Cyprus landed, as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles.

5. That the doctor shown on the Hungarian stamp design A38 was the discoverer of the cause of puerperal or childbed fever. (see below).

6. That the church of St. Paul on the semipostal stamps of Italy has its measured duplicate in Nashville, Tenn. The latter extends on to the sidewalk due to error in translating metric measures to American. Its interior lacks the Papal medallions of the original.

7. That a set of Peruvian stamps issued for the Sixth Pan American Congress for Child Welfare is labeled for Seventh Congress. The error was not recalled so the issue did not become rare. (see below).

8. That Engelbert Dollfuss, Chancellor of Austria was small in stature (4 ft. 9 in.) but large in statesmanship and religion.

9. That the crosses shown on the bilingual stamps of Southwest Africa were placed in position at the Cape of Good Hope by the early navigator of those parts Bartholomeo Diaz de Novaes who sailed under the patronage of Prince Henry the Navigator.

10. That the 1c stamp of the Chicago Exposition of 1933 shows a replica of Ft. Dearborn, Mass was said at the original fort in 1829 for the deceased members of the family of the commander of the fort by Rev. Theodor Badin, first priest ordained within the limits of the original 13 colonies.

3. In 1601 Samuel de Champlain suggested the building of a canal across the Isthmus of Panama.

5. Dr. Ignaz Semmelweis.

7. Four Child Welfare stamps of 1930.

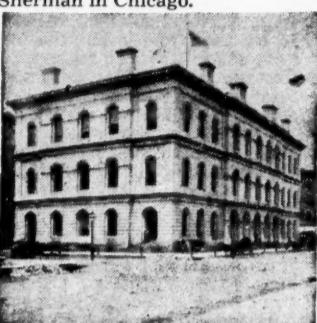
Wisconsin Collectors Include Sidney In Tour

Recent visitors to the offices of Linn's Weekly Stamp News were Mr. and Mrs. W. Leigh Clunie of Racine, Wis. They included Sidney in a vacation tour which took them through a number of the east central states.

Mr. Clunie collects mint and used U. S. and covers, while Mrs. Clunie is more interested in foreign stamps of a topical nature.

Cachets Feature Chicago Post Offices

Chicago's First Federal Post Office Building, was completed in 1860 and destroyed in the great fire of 1871. The 90th anniversary of the opening of this first federal post office building is the subject of a series of three cachets to be issued by the Chicago Philatelic Society on November 18 in connection with its annual philatelic exhibition at the Hotel Sherman in Chicago.



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U.S. NOTES

BY CARL P. RUETH

The fervent hope in some quarters that a new stamped envelope series would again revive interest in postal stationery seems doomed as of right now. At least I think so after a look at the recently issued 6c airmail envelope and the forthcoming new 1c, 2c and 3c items.

If after some thirty years all the Post Office Department can come up with imprinted stamps of designs as shown on page one of this edition, it wasn't worth the effort to make the change!

What the Washington POD "brass hats" should have done is to have slipped the new designs quietly into circulation and taken a year's tour of the world until the thing blows over.

1. In what year was the current series of stamped envelopes released?

2. The Army series of five stamps issued in 1936-37 pictured Andrew Jackson and Thomas Jonathan Jackson. In what major wars did they fight, whose troops did they lead, and which of the two was known as "Stonewall"?

You will remember in the October 2 column I offered a biographical sketch on Samuel Morse, inventor of the telegraph. Supplementing that information with some interesting additions is a letter from Stephen G. Rich who certainly needs no introduction to anyone who knows the difference between a perforation and a stamp tong.

When writing about Morse, I stated that he was a professor at the "University of the City of New York", taking it for granted that everyone knew that this school now travels under the name of "New York University". Mr. Rich thought it best to bring out this point to avoid confusion, and I must agree with him. Steve might be waving his school flag vigorously at the same time since he is a double graduate of New York U. By that I don't mean they tossed him out of the place twice just to be shed of him. Far from it since he is one of their distinguished alumni. He graduated in 1914 with a B.A., and in 1923 graduated with a professional degree from the School of Education.

But to continue. Quoting directly from his letter, he writes:

"As you probably have a fair number of readers in New York, and who are N. Y. U. alumni, it might be interesting to make an additional comment on your column, adding this information. You might also add that his (Morse's) 2-mile experimental line of wire was strung back and forth on the roof of the south tower of the University's old building. The site is now occupied by Room 510 Main Building, N. Y. U., and is at the corner of Washington Place and Washington Square East. The roof of the south tower was approximately at the level of the 5th floor of the present building on that site, "Main Building" of N. Y. U.

"The half mile of wire which you mention was part of the same line, the extension to two miles being made after the demonstration you mention."

The postmaster and employees of the New London, Wis. post office pulled a clever and amusing "rib" on their fellow townsman, H. M. Brehm. Mr. Brehm has written a number of feature articles for Linn's the past few years, and so is no stranger to the Linn's reader family.

Recently, Brehm was the subject of a feature article himself in connection with his number two hobby, that of collecting the signatures of outstanding world figures. The Appleton Crescent and the Milwaukee Journal gave him dandy writeups complete with pictures, both of which captured national attention.

The New London post office



"gang" prepared a cover which bore all their signatures and a humorous cachet, and sent it off to him. It is shown on this page.

While inspired as a joke originally, and enjoyed as such by Brehm, he nevertheless prizes the cover as one with a lot of value from a sentimental standpoint.

I'd call that good neighbors in action on a local level!

Last week I went back fifty years to take a look at the mail bag situation which was definitely more varied than in 1950. But I find, with the benefit of an assist from Harry D. Johnson of Kansas City, Mo., that something new might be added.

At four large post offices in the nation, Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago and New York, a new type of collapsible container is going through tests which will make for the speedier, safer and more efficient handling of parcel post. I should amend that by saying eleven different versions of the same type container, manufactured by as many different companies, are being tested.

In size they are forty inches wide, 48 inches long and 37 inches high. They are fabricated of steel wire screen of a two inch mesh, extruded metal, corrugated metal or wooden slats. Each holds the equivalent of 14 1/2 sacks of parcel post, and they pack snugly and uniformly 72 to a railway mail car.

The latter consideration is important when it is realized that the Post Office Department pays for shipping the mail by the lineal foot of mail car used. By using the containers, it is possible to get an equivalent of 208 more bags to the car.

There is also a savings in handling time and load efficiency in getting the mail from the sorting rooms to the mail cars since the containers can be easily handled by the fork type gasoline or battery driven industrial tractors.

When emptied of their contents, the containers are easily collapsed and stored in a relatively small area. On the whole they should be cleaner than the ordinary mail bags and less apt to be damaged in use.

The sixty day test period will be ended by October 31. Then the Post Office Department will evaluate the reports and opinions of the postmasters and the postal employees who have had to work with the test equipment. If there are more good points in their use than bad, chances are that the containers will be adopted in the material and type which has proved the most feasible.

If adopted, it is expected that usage will be confined to the larger post offices where there is a lot of parcel post to be handled daily.

Dr. Charles Reilly, Eustis, Fla., brings out an interesting fact in connection with the franking privilege granted to widows of United States presidents.

Pasadena Heliport Dedication October 27

October 27 is the date selected for the dedication of the Pasadena, California municipal heliport. To mark the event, a cachet will be applied to the prepared airmail covers of collectors which bear 6c in stamps.

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November Dates For Aerophilatelists Meet

In what is believed to be the first exhibition of its kind, Aero Philatelists plans to stage an aero-philatelic panorama during its coming national convention in New York City, November 17-19. This show, to be held at the Collectors Club, 22 East 35th Street, will be non-competitive. All material will be screened against duplication and will be exhibited by invitation only. Virtually all the prize-winning airmail collectors at the Cipex Show have been asked to display their gem pieces, many of which have not been shown in the interim. Representative material will be shown from every country which has ever issued airmail stamps.

The exhibition committee has been fortunate in that it has additionally obtained permission to select and show certain pages from the justly famous reference collection formed by the late John N. Luff. A feature of the exhibition will be guided tours of the exhibition hall throughout the show at half-hour intervals. The committee believes that visitors will find the displayed material far more interesting if it is properly displayed and explained to them by collector-guides.

As a climax to the convention, it is planned to hold a testimonial dinner for Theodore Steinway, for many, many years one of the great patrons of American philately. The dinner will be held at Tramer's Restaurant, 1 West 52nd Street, on Saturday evening, November 18th. Those wishing to attend may communicate with John Britt, care of the Collectors Club.

Aero Philatelists' Convention, as well as its exhibition, will run concurrently with the ASDA Show at the 71st Regiment Armory on East 34th Street, one block from Collectors Club. Visiting hours to the exhibition, which will be free to all, are Friday, November 17th, 1 p. m. to 6 p. m.; Saturday, November 18th, 10 a. m. to 6 p. m. and Sunday, November 19th, 1 p. m. to 5 p. m.

Levin Collection Will Be Auctioned By Mercury

The collection of Erich Levin, prominent industrialist of Tel-Aviv, Israel, has been donated to the Jewish National Fund and will be sold in a Special Auction Sale early in December by the Mercury Stamp Company of New York.

Mr. Levin, who in 1933 emigrated from his native Germany to Palestine, owns several textile factories and department stores there. He started to collect 50 years ago, at the age of 8. Later he concentrated his collecting activities on Old German States, Germany (incl. Offices, Colonies, Plebiscites etc.), Austria (incl. Lombardy-Venetia), France and Switzerland.

The Levin Collection is outstanding because of its fine condition, far above average, and the many rarities and attractive items it includes. The Old German States are complete. Of the German Empire, Offices and Colonies, as well as Plebiscites, all rarities are represented.

Austria and Lombardy-Venetia are well specialized and complete in all major varieties, including the rose Mercury, superb used and unused, as well as the great rarity, a used scarlet Mercury (from the Rothschild Collection).

The richly illustrated auction catalog is in preparation and will be ready early in November. It may be obtained by interested philatelists free of charge from the Mercury Stamp Company, 522 Fifth Ave., New York 18, N. Y. A list of prices will be available shortly after the sale for \$1.00.

Sassone Catalog Soon Due From Italy

The outstanding Italian catalog is generally considered to be the "Catalogo Sassone," printed in Milan, Italy. This yearly book is to collectors of Italy what Scott's Specialized is to collectors of U. S. It lists countless errors, varieties, shades, locals, etc. not to be found in Scott, and covers the entire Italian field—Italy, Italian States, Italian Colonies, San Marino, Fiume, war issues, etc.

P. Ostrow, is making arrangements to import a limited number of these catalogs when the 1951 edition appears at the end of this year. Cost will be about \$2.25, and Mr. Ostrow is planning to import only enough to cover reservations placed with him by October 15.

Those interested can write to him at P. O. Box 121, Elizabeth, N.J.



Kenneth M. Gierhart
Baltimore, Ohio

RATES

A couple of interesting pieces of mail came to my desk recently. With the passing of the 1½c rate, (some few things still go 1½c) and the 1c rate revised both as to weight and usage, the ½c stamp along with the 1½c is nearly obsolete. The first piece of mail I noted had four ½c Prexy buros in a strip, making the 2c rate. The ½c stamps no doubt were used on the old 1c rate, this piece probably changed because of weight rather than anything else.

The thought struck me that the oft given reason for using two ½c stamps instead of the one 1c stamp on a piece of mail was because of eye drawing power. Then this piece should really draw with four ½c stamps right there in a row. At this rate they should use up their ½c stamps pretty fast.

The other piece of mail might be OK or it might be an overpaid piece. It had a 1c and 1½c Prexy precancel from Butler Ind. on it. Was mailed under Sec. 34.66 etc. Now what I would like to know, is there a 2½c rate on some type of catalogs, or was the 1½c used just to use it up and get rid of it, making of course overpayment in postage?

Who knows? Several places I asked wasted only my time and I learned nothing. Can some one tell me?

BLAWENSBURG CARDS.

Some notes and corrections. In the first place none of the cards were printed on the ordinary Franklin cards. That was my oversight. Of course what I did not know was that they were printed on both the WASHINGTON and MARTHA WASHINGTON cards. They were cut apart and not used together of course. So there are two varieties (major) at least, if there are no typest variations. The ones I have seen are addressed to Rural Route Box 1900.

New Jersey collectors no doubt will seek these for additions to their collections as they do not seem to be anything but items used during the regular course of business.

Treat For Postmark Fans In Billig Book

Cancellation and postmark fans whether their interests lie with United States or foreign items will find a full measure of material to their liking in Volume XII of Billig's Philatelic Handbook, just released.

A continuation of the so-called "cork" cancellations is to be found adequately pictured and described. Then, probably the highlight of the present volume, "The Machine Commats of Boston, Mass." by the late F. G. Floyd which is interesting and informative reading for all collectors.

Included as well are catalogues and illustrations of the numeral cancellations of Baden, Brazil Cancellations, a reprinting of the pictorial "France, Plating of the 20 Centimes Blue" by Dumont, "British Postmarks," by Hugh Vallancey, a splendid presentation and a description of the routes and the postmarks of the Travelling Post Offices of Newfoundland.

Volume XII is now available from the publisher Fritz Billig, 168-39 Highland Ave., Jamaica 3, N. Y. at \$4.00. It is bound between hard cloth covers and has 208 pages.

Luxembourg Society Produces Club Bulletin

The September Bulletin of the Luxembourg Philatelic Study Club has just been issued, continuing the record of interesting research that has characterized this young specialists' society.

Included in the issue are short notes on Luxembourg's precancels and meter markings, the first portion of an article on the postal history of the German occupation, guides to the detection of forgeries of Luxembourg's 1859 issue, etc.

Copies of the September Bulletin are available, while they last, in return for six cents in stamps to cover postage. Write to P. Ostrow, Secretary, P. O. Box 121, Elizabeth, N. J. Membership dues in the society are \$2. per year.

Library Association Begins New Program

An unusual philatelic undertaking is the group known as the Philatelic Library Association, established in 1942. The operation of the Association and publication of its official journal, The Philatelic Literature Review has been largely the responsibility of Daniel W. Vooy, an ardent bibliophile and sponsor of the organization.

The Association is now being revamped, and the proposed Constitution and By-Laws call for annual election of a President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary-Treasurer, and Board of Directors. The first slate of candidates is now in preparation and ballots will go forth to the members within a few days.

The purpose of this non-profit group, as cited in the Constitution, is as follows: (1) To promote and encourage the collection, study, and general use of philatelic literature, and to circulate information on such material among the members; (2) To compile and publish bibliographies and other works relating to stamp collecting; (3) To provide a medium for the purchase, sale and exchange of such reference publications; and (4) To undertake all other matters as may further these objects in assisting stamp collectors.

A Second Series of the Philatelic Literature Review is in preparation, with the first issue now in the hands of the printer. The publication contains reports on new handbooks, catalogs, and stamp magazines, specialized bibliographies, and a unique service whereby members may advertise to purchase or offer reference publications for sale.

Annual dues are \$1.00, which includes subscription for the REVIEW and supplemental Newsletters to the members. There is no initiation fee or other obligations, and application for membership may be sent to Daniel W. Vooy, P. O. Box 300, Canajoharie, New York.

Produce Catalog Of Minhelet Ha'am Issue

The Israel-Palestine Philatelic Society of America has published a monograph, which is a complete catalog of the "Minhelet Ha'am Postage Stamps" (Keren Kayemet L'Yisrael, Jewish National Fund Seals, overprinted DO'AR). This is the first of a series to be written on a cooperative basis by IPPSA and the Israel Study Circle of Haifa, Israel.

These are the postage stamps that were used in the Post Offices and Postal Agencies of Israel during the Interim Period from May 2 to May 14, 1948, when the British Mandate Post had been suspended and the State of Israel and its Post had not yet come into existence.

The catalog consists of illustrations of 68 seals and 5 overprints, fully titled in both English and Hebrew.

The captions and translations were prepared by S. N. Shure, I. W. Jacobson, and E. E. Necheles after thorough investigations into the motifs of the several series of the K.K. Seals, which are drawn from the rich tradition of Hebrew literature and art.

The illustrations are followed by an unusual catalog listing by Dr. W. Hoexter and S. Lachman, the famous authors of the specialized Palestine catalog.

Many members and friends of IPPSA cooperated in the preparation of this work during the past two years. These include B. Klerman, Israel Avny, Joseph Ehrlich, R. B. Horwich, Dr. Louis A. Sarow, and Harry A. Eisenstein.

This monograph has been sent to all IPPSA members as part of their membership benefits, and extra copies are available at 75c postpaid (stamps acceptable in denominations up to 6c). Send your remittance to IPPSA, c/o S. N. Shure, 225 West Huron Street, Chicago 10, Illinois.

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2. ISG's Beginners' Class in Italian has now been organized. The second meeting of the class was held on Friday, October 6th, 8 p. m., at the Facci Studios, 248 W. 14th Street, New York City.

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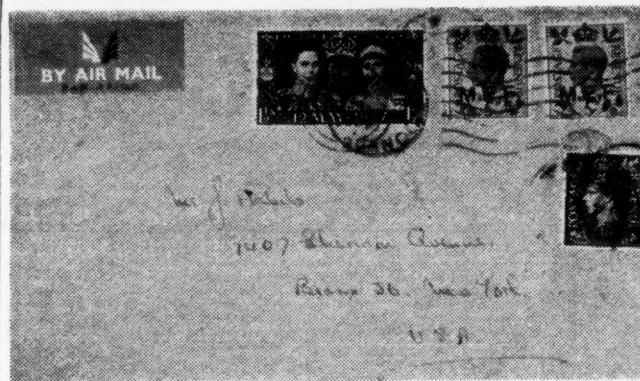
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LEONARD EPSTEIN
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AUSTRIA—Edwin Mueller reports that a special set of three stamps was released Oct. 6, and became valid for postal duty Oct. 10, to mark the 30th anniversary of the plebiscite in Carinthia in 1920 in which 59% voted for Austrian rule and 41% voted for Yugoslavia.

The three values, printed by photogravure by the Austrian State Printing Works, were designed by Alfred Chmielowski. Values are: 60 groschen plus 15g. emerald and brown, showing the arms of Austria and Carinthia; 1 shilling plus 25g., orange and carmine, a Carinthian swinging the Austrian flag, and 1.70 sch. plus 40g., blue green and blue, a hand casting a ballot.

FINLAND—The Olympic Games of 1952 will, apparently, be marked by special stamps, according to James B. Hatcher. One essay shows a woman diving, and another depicts a rowing crew.

GUATEMALA—A "social welfare" set of four airmails is reported by Aero Philatelist's News, along with a souvenir sheet. The airmails have a value of 5c., 10c., 50c. and 1Q, while the sheet will have a value of \$1.65 in U. S. currency.

A man named Henry Archer happened to see Fowler doing his pin trick and took the idea home with him. After sleeping on it for several nights he came up with a gold plated idea. A few weeks later he approached the Postal authorities at Somerset House with a proposal for a perforating machine to pierce the sheets of stamps so that the stamps could be separated easily.

A committee was appointed to look into the matter. After what was termed an exhaustive investigation they reported that "The perforating of postage stamps would be of great convenience to the public," and recommended the adoption of the idea and the purchase of Archer's machine.

Archer is said to have gotten \$400 for his invention.

Since that time, this same machine, with improvements, has been utilized to perforate stamps to the continuing satisfaction of the stamp using public.

NETHERLANDS—The 375th anniversary of the founding of Leiden University was marked by the issuance of two stamps on Oct. 3. The University was founded by William the Taciturn, Prince of Orange, as a permanent token of the Prince's appreciation of the important part the town of Leiden had played in the 80 years of the war of liberation against Spain. The 10 cent stamp, in olive-brown, represents Janus Dousa, first governor of the University. The 20c. grayish-blue represents Jan van Hout, secretary of the Board of Governors. R. J. Drayer designed the stamps, which were printed in rotogravure by Joh. Enschede & Sons.

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green, 1.50 escudos orange, 2 escudos blue and 4 escudos red-chestnut.

URUGUAY—An Artigas set and a U. P. U. are forecast by Gerardo Thoelen.

by James H. Naile

Whether the following story is 100% accurate as to facts or whether it is one of those fanciful yarns of the hobby is not known by me, but I do believe that it is interesting to the point of passing along to those collectors who might never have seen it before.

It concerns the origination of the present method for the separation of stamps commonly known as perforations. A penny-a-line journalist who specialized in reporting London fires to the provincial papers can be credited for at least an assist in making perforation of sheets of stamps as old as it is. Seems as if Charley Fowler, the journalist, posted so many accounts he found telegrams too expensive, and therefore used the mails, buying his stamps by the sheet.

On one occasion he had neither knife or scissors to cut the stamps from the sheet. Pricking along the edge of the stamps with a pin he then could tear them off as required.

The Lexington-Concord issue took two small cuts: the 1c mint from 35 to 30 cents, and the 5c from \$2 to \$1.85. The Norwegian 5c went up from \$3 to \$3.50.

The 1918 airmails show no price changes. Two prices have been lowered in the Graf Zeppelin issue: the 65c used, from \$18 to \$17.50, and the \$2.60 mint from \$65 to \$62.50.

Two provisional stamped airmail envelopes of 1946 show remarkable jumps. No. UC10 (Die BI of the "Revalued 5c") has gone from 15 cents mint and 10 cents used to 60 cents each way. And

ISRAEL—On October 1 an 80 prutot stamp was released for the Maccabiah held in Israel. This stamp, in sheets of 50, was printed in olive and black, and shows a sprinter with a representation of a track in the background after a design by A. Games of London. Israel won the event, with the United States placing second.

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It is advised that interested persons first write requesting a list of the stamps currently for sale.

SCOTT CATALOG
(Continued from page 1)

The Uruguay albatross airmail set of 1928 has jumped from \$40.45 to \$65.75. The Pegasus series of 1929-43 (Nos. C27-C60A) has been raised from \$156.90 mint to \$172.45, and from \$140.95 used to \$178.90.

The fluctuations in U. S. prices are numerous, and there are a great many downs along with the ups. For instance, in the Columbian set seven prices were changed—four down and three up. In the unused column, the 5c and 15c dropped 25¢ each, and the 8c decreased 15 cents. In the used column, price increases of 1 cent, 15 cents and \$2.50 were given to the 1c, 3c and \$4 stamps respectively, and the 30c dropped 50 cents.

In the Trans-Mississippi set, three used prices were cut from 5 to 25 cents each, and two mint prices were cut (the 10c stamp from \$8.50 to \$8, and the 50c from \$36.50 to \$35).

Two of the Pan-Americans, 4c and 5c, each had 15 cents trimmed off their prices.

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The catalog disdains completeness, in fact, purposely leaves out the ordinary run of stamps entirely and concentrates on those stamps that the author considers the best.

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While the language of the catalog is in German most collectors will not have too much difficulty in following it. Binding is between cloth covers and the illustrations of the many stamp designs are ample.

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Just released is the Stamp Collector's Annual Catalog (No. 16) of the Tatham Stamp & Coin Co., Springfield, Mass. Besides many offerings of stamps and philatelic supplies there are also included a tremendous number of items which help to dress up individual album pages and whole collections. If it is unusual, you will find it here. The book is free on request.

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